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RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2000 in which Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants hereby make a provisional election of the claims to be prosecuted.

REMARKS

The claims

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application and are directed to fusion proteins comprising OPG, nucleic acids encoding the fusion proteins, vectors, host cells and methods for expression of fusion proteins, and methods of preventing or treating bone loss.

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C.

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- I. Claims 1-7 and 18, drawn to a protein comprising a Fc and OPG and compositions comprising such

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